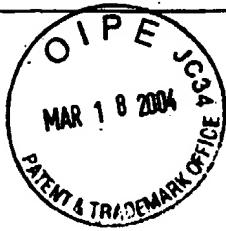


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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/003,869 filed January 7, 1998  
Title: Use of Exendins for the Reduction of Food Intake (As Amended)  
Inventors: Nigel R.A. BEELEY *et al.*  
Atty. Docket: 18528.032

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Sir:

Further to a conversation with Examiner Mohamed on March 18, 2004, applicants hereby submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. Terminal Disclaimer;
2. Petition for Extension of Time; and
3. Return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Authorization to charge the statutory fee under 37 CFR § 1.20(d) is given in the attached Terminal Disclaimer, and authorization to charge the fee for an extension of time is given in the attached Petition for Extension of Time. Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. If, however, any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing, including any additional extension of time fees required to prevent abandonment, then such extension is hereby petitioned and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 18528.032. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended a second month from March 4, 2004 to April 4, 2004 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment. Applicants filed a Petition for Extension of Time for the first month's extension on March 4, 2004.

The appropriate fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$310.00 for the second month's extension of time for a large entity. Applicants request that this fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed. Further, if additional extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 18528.032.

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